

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): An electrical switching device having at least one pole, the electrical switching device comprising:

a housing including an insulating material; and

an incoming terminal contact and an outgoing terminal contact associated with a first pole, each of the terminal contacts including a respective first connection device ~~disposed inside the housing and~~ configured for connection of a respective first external electrical conductor, at least one of the terminal contacts including a respective second connection device disposed inside the housing and configured for pluggable connection of a respective second electrical conductor between the incoming terminal contact and the outgoing terminal contact, wherein the respective second connection device includes at least one of a receiving hole and a lateral cutout configured to receive a respective male contact connected to the respective second electrical conductor.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein:

each of the terminal contacts includes a respective contact carrier, a respective connecting point for housing-internal contacting being disposed at a first end of the respective contact carrier, the respective first connection device being disposed at a second end of the respective contact carrier; and

the respective second connection device is disposed between the respective connecting point and the respective first connection device.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein:

each of the terminal contacts includes a respective contact carrier, a respective connecting point for housing-internal contacting being disposed at a first end of the respective contact carrier, the respective second connection device being disposed at a second end of the respective contact carrier; and

the respective first connection device is disposed between the respective connecting point and the respective second connection device.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 13 wherein the respective connecting point includes at least one of a fixed contact of a switching contact and a connecting point for wiring.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 14 wherein the respective connecting point includes at least one of a fixed contact of a switching contact and a connecting point for wiring.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein the respective first connection device includes at least one of a screw clamp terminal, a spring clamp terminal, and an insulation-piercing terminal.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein the respective second connection device is configured to at least one of frictionally and positively receive a respective connection element.

Claim 19 (cancelled)

Claim 20 (currently amended): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12[[19]] wherein the respective second connection device includes the receiving hole, the receiving hole having a contact tab section extending upward or downward at an edge portion thereof.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein the respective second connection includes a respective male contact configured to be received by a respective female contact connected to the respective second electrical conductor.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 21 wherein the respective male contact extends toward a front side of the housing.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 21 wherein the respective second connection device is centrally disposed relative to the respective first connection device, the respective first connection device being configured to receive the respective first external electrical conductor extending on first and second sides of the respective male contact.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein the housing includes an access area configured to provide access to the respective second connection device, the access area being outlined by predetermined breaking points.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 further comprising a second incoming terminal contact and a second outgoing terminal contact associated with a second pole, each of the second terminal contacts including a respective third connection device configured for connection of a respective third external electrical conductor, at least one of the second terminal contacts including a respective fourth connection device configured for pluggable connection of a respective fourth electrical conductor.

Claim 26 (currently amended): An electrical switching device having at least one pole, the electrical switching device comprising:

- a housing including an insulating material; and
- an incoming terminal contact and an outgoing terminal contact associated with a first pole, each of the terminal contacts including a respective first connection device ~~disposed inside the housing and~~ configured for connection of a respective first external electrical conductor, at least one of the terminal contacts including a respective second connection device disposed inside the housing and configured for pluggable connection of a respective second electrical conductor between the incoming terminal contact and the outgoing terminal contact, wherein the respective first connection device includes at least one of a screw clamp terminal, a spring clamp terminal, and an insulation-piercing terminal.

Claim 27 (new) An electrical switching device having at least one pole, the electrical switching device comprising:

- a housing including an insulating material; and
- an incoming terminal contact and an outgoing terminal contact associated with a first pole, each of the terminal contacts including a respective first connection device disposed inside the housing and configured for connection of a respective first external electrical conductor, at least one of the terminal contacts including a respective second connection device disposed inside the housing and configured for pluggable connection of a respective second electrical conductor, wherein the respective second connection device includes at least one of a receiving hole and a lateral cutout configured to receive a respective male contact connected to the respective second electrical conductor;

- wherein each of the terminal contacts includes a respective contact carrier, a respective connecting point for housing-internal contacting being disposed at a first end of the respective contact carrier, the respective first connection device being disposed at a second end of the respective contact carrier; and

wherein the respective second connection device is disposed between the respective connecting point and the respective first connection device.

Claim 28 (new): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 27 wherein the respective connecting point includes at least one of a fixed contact of a switching contact and a connecting point for wiring.

Claim 29 (new): An electrical switching device having at least one pole, the electrical switching device comprising:

a housing including an insulating material; and

an incoming terminal contact and an outgoing terminal contact associated with a first pole, each of the terminal contacts including a respective first connection device disposed inside the housing and configured for connection of a respective first external electrical conductor, at least one of the terminal contacts including a respective second connection device disposed inside the housing and configured for pluggable connection of a respective second electrical conductor, wherein the respective second connection device includes at least one of a receiving hole and a lateral cutout configured to receive a respective male contact connected to the respective second electrical conductor;

wherein the housing includes an access area configured to provide access to the respective second connection device, the access area being outlined by predetermined breaking points.